

**Name of Organization:** Nevada Board of Agriculture  
**Date and Time of Meeting:** June 4, 2014  
**Place of Meeting:** Nevada Department of Agriculture  
405 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, Nevada  
775-353-3601

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**Minutes**  
**June 4, 2014**

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Stix, Jr., Chair  
Jim Snyder  
Boyd Spratling – via Video  
Paul Noe  
Ramona Morrison  
Charles Frey  
Paul Anderson  
Brian Nakaguchi  
Pete Paris  
Alan Perazzo

**Board Members Absent:**

Tim Dufferena

**Staff Members Present:**

Jim Barbee, Director  
Dennis Belcourt, Dep. Attorney General  
Dale Hansen, Administration Div.  
Flint Wright, Animal Industry Div.  
Donnell Barton, Food and Nutrition Div.  
Bob Conrad, Public Information Officer  
Jerri Conrad, Assistant to the Director  
Dave Jones, Consumer Equitability Div.  
Dawn Rafferty, Plant Industry Div.  
Bill Striejewske, Consumer Equita. Div.

**Guests:**

Paul Tomera, Tomera Ranches  
Eddyann Filippini, Chiara Ranch  
Dan Filippini, Chiara Ranch  
Leo Boeglici, Winnemucca Farms  
Tim & Margarita DeLong, Flying M  
Ranch  
Jeff Fontaine, Nevada Association of  
County Officials  
JJ Goicoechea, DVM  
Desi Seal, Nevada Cattleman's Associa.

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1. **Open meeting call to order by Chair David Stix, Jr. at 9:04 a.m.**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call

2. **Public Comment**

Tim DeLong, Vice Chairman of Grazing Board – BLM is receiving the Grazing Board fee due to sequester. These funds need to be returned to the counties so the money can benefit the range. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will take up to 10 years to take horses in checkerboard horse field in Lovelock.

Paul Tomera, Tomera Ranches - BLM district dispute with ranch – general allotment. BLM’s Douglas County Mr. Doug Furtado has demonstrated intimidating actions, he cannot manage multiuse allotment and we would like the Board of Agriculture to direct the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to investigate Mr. Doug Furtado.

Eddyann Filippini, Chiara Ranch - Last May, BLM issued them 10 days to remove cattle from an allotment. We were told they could not use the Argenta allotment due to drought trigger. We took non-use in March, April and 23 days in May. Doug Furtado, of BLM, puts up road blocks and has a history of doing so. We are asking the Board of Agriculture to conduct a hearing.

Tim DeLong

BLM is putting out a new Range Management Plan. In October the Governor said he would protest it but they have not protested. If there are horses on my range I am required to put water out for them. My own water.

3. **Approve March 4, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes (for possible action)**

- A. Minutes are not ready for approval. ***NO ACTION TAKEN***

4. **Director’s Report**

- A. Introduction of new Executive Assistant to the Director
- B. Activity report (***for information***)

BREAK FOR TECHNICAL ISSUES IN ELKO 10:00

BREAK COMPLETE 10:10

CALL INTO ELKO OFFICE DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES 10:13

RESUME 10:17

- C. \*Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding current issues pertaining to the Wild Horse and Burro Act (WHBA) and situations encompassing the current management of WHBA by BLM and US Forest Service. The current lawsuit filed by the Nevada Association of County Officials and the Nevada Farm Bureau (*for possible action*)

Discussion from Jeff Fontaine, Executive Director, Nevada Association of County Officials (NACO) presentation of NACO's lawsuit. Over population of wild horses have a negative impact on environmental issues, ecology of range lands, direct and indirect costs and requires certain services from county and impacts county revenue. After two attempts over the last two years to meet with Secretary Salazar of the Department of the Interior, the NACO Board decided to take legal action. NACO Board would like the Board of Agriculture's support.

Discussion by the Board that all 17 Nevada counties support this lawsuit, providing a letter of support and the question the role of the Board of Agriculture.

Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General cites NRS 561.105 and advises the NDA Board that they can make a recommendation advising of policy to governor or legislature – this would be an option the board would have.

***Charles Frey motions to check with legal and compose a letter to BLM and Department of Interior (DOI) in support of the NACO lawsuit and asking BLM to comply with the WHBA and mention that the lawsuit carries the support of all 17 Nevada counties and copies be sent to AG's Office, Governor's Office and Legislature's Office. Seconded by Perazzo. One abstention from Boyd Spratling who sits on the WHBA committee.***

- D. Review of Director's powers and authorities (*for information*)

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH 12:01

CALL TO ORDER 12:35

## **5. Administration**

- A. Update to Board – Dale Hansen, Fiscal Administrator (*for information*)
- B. \*Department Policy Adoption of ADM Policies 2 and 3:
- 1) \*Policy AG-2-ADM-2 Telephone Use (*for possible action*)
  - 2) \*Policy AG-2-ADM-3 Uniforms (*for possible action*)

*Paul Noe moves to Approve adoption of Policy AG-2-ADM-2 and Policy AG-2-ADM-3. Ramona Morrison seconds. Motion passes unanimously.*

**6. Plant Industry**

- A. Update to Board – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. \*Request Board approval for adoption of permanent revisions to NAC 555.250 through 555.700 Custom Application of Pesticides and Certified Applicators – Robert Leavitt (*for possible action*)

*Paul Noe moves to accept revisions and Brian Nakaguchi seconds  
Motion passes unanimously.*

**7. Consumer Equitability**

- A. Update to Board – Dave Jones, Administrator (*for information*)
- B. Oil Testing Program Update – Bill Striejewske (*for information*)
- C. \*Department Policy Adoption of Policy AG-1-HR-19 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Program Policy (*for possible action*)

*Paul Anderson moves to approve and adopt AG-1-HR-19. Seconded by Jim Snyder. Motion passes unanimously.*

**8. Food and Nutrition Programs**

- A. Update to Board – Donnell Barton, Administrator (*for information*)

**9. Animal Industries**

- A. Update to Board – Flint Wright, Administrator (*for information*)
  - 1) Livestock Inspection Vehicle Stops Report
    - a. Jackpot, NV
    - b. Truckee, CA
    - c. Las Vegas, NV
  - 2) Animal Health Update
    - a. Trich
    - b. West Nile
    - c. Coggins
  - 3) Interstate Livestock Transport Rules Update
    - a. ADT update
    - b. Requirements for Bred Cattle and Stocker Cattle
  - 4) Bundy Gather Report-NDA role only

**10. Board Member Comments**

Dry milk shipments from Fallon facility are in progress.

**11. Public Comment**

None

**12. Adjournment**

Next NDA Board meeting: September 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at NDA office in Elko.

Chair David Stix adjourns meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Alan Perazzo moves to adjourn. Seconded by Ramona Morrison. No objection.